

LPGE Technology Board Report

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Update for September:

What a different start to the school year with all the technology changes! Let me get you up to speed.

Skyward: We have run into a few challenges with the new system. We are slowly getting things resolved, but it has definitely been frustrating. Most of the issues stem from adjusting to something new, and we are finding that processes we've used for the past 15–20 years just can't be done the exact same way anymore. Change is always part of the job in Technology.

Most of the Secondary scheduling items are now fixed. One of the bigger hangups involves third-party integrations with Skyward. Since Skyward houses all student information, it serves as the central hub communicating with other tools like Schoology and eduCLIMBER. Right now, our team is navigating some finger-pointing between vendors, we hope to resolve this as soon as possible.

During the first week of school, a phishing attack came through our email system. A few people fell for it, resulting in compromised accounts. We acted quickly to shut those down until we could secure them again. While there is no way to completely prevent these attacks, educating our users remains our best defense. Fortunately, many staff members notified the tech department right away when the email arrived. Later, we noticed suspicious logins across three staff accounts and immediately suspended them so we could take further action. We were fortunate, as this could have been much worse.

Google Workspace for Education Plus has been purchased to bolster the Google Workspace suite and help catch phishing emails moving forward. Additionally, if a user ever falls for a phishing scam that spreads district-wide, the tech team now has the ability to mass-delete those emails from everyone's inbox with just a couple of clicks.

I also have some good news. I was able to secure our state Security Grant for one more year. We were awarded \$22,000, which allowed us to purchase a number of security camera upgrades for our district. They will be installed over the next couple of weeks.

There is plenty more happening in the Tech department, but these were a few of the major updates.

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